

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A device for realizing a predetermined orientation of singularized work pieces being transported on a sliding surface, the device comprising:

a device configured to deliver a first air current to the sliding surface, ~~the air current acting upon the work pieces to orient the work pieces in a predetermined orientation direction, the device being configured to deliver the air current in an effective direction that is inclined relative to a moving direction of the work pieces in such a way that a resulting air current resulting from the first air current and an air current caused by the movement of the work pieces extends perpendicular to the moving direction of the work pieces,~~

a first flow element configured to uniformly distribute the air current over the sliding surface,

a second flow element configured to realize a flow profile, the second flow element comprising a pair of co-acting perforated plates, at least one of the plates being configured to be turned relative to the other plate in a plane that lies parallel to the other plate, and

a guiding element configured to direct the flow profile so that the first air current is inclined relative to a the moving direction of the workpieces in such a way that a resulting air current resulting from the air current delivered by the device and the movement of the work pieces extends perpendicular to the moving direction of the work pieces.

2. (Previously Presented) The device according to Claim 1, further comprising at least one other air current that acts upon the work pieces and is directed in the moving direction of the work pieces.

3. (Previously Presented) The device according to Claim 1 wherein the first air current is realized in the form of an air cushion that traverses the sliding surface.

4. (Currently Amended) The device according to Claim 1 wherein the sliding surface is defined by the guiding third-flow element.

5. (Currently Amended) The device according to Claim 1, wherein the guiding third-flow element is adjustable.

6. (Currently Amended) The device according to Claim 5 further comprising a perforated plate arranged above the guiding third-flow element and defining the sliding surface.

7. (Previously Presented) The device according to Claim 1 further comprising at least one blower or fan arranged on the side of the sliding surface that faces away from the work pieces.

8. (Previously Presented) The device according to Claim 7 further wherein the first flow element is arranged between the blower or fan and the sliding surface to evenly distribute air delivered by the blower or fan over the sliding surface.

9. (Previously Presented) The device according to Claim 8 wherein the second flow element is arranged between the first flow element and the sliding surface to allow adjustment of flow speed over the sliding surface.

10. (Currently Amended) The device according to Claim 9 wherein each of the first and second flow elements comprises respectively contain at least two perforated plates that lie on top of one another and can be moved relative to one another.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently Amended) A method of orienting a plurality of moving work pieces, comprising

applying a first air current to the work pieces to orient the work pieces in a predetermined orientation direction along a sliding surface, while

directing the first air current so that the first air current has an effective direction that is inclined relative to the moving direction of the work pieces so that a resulting air current resulting from the first air current and ~~an air current caused by~~ the movement of the work pieces extends perpendicular to the moving direction of the work pieces,

uniformly distributing the air current over the sliding surface using a first flow element, realizing a flow profile over the sliding surface using a second flow element comprising a pair of co-acting perforated plates, by turning one of the perforated plates relative to the other so that the respective perforations of the two plates are oriented relative to each other to define the flow profile, and

directing the flow profile so that the first air current is inclined relative to the moving direction of the workpieces using a third flow element.

13. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 12, further comprising applying at least a second air current to the work pieces, the second air current being directed in the moving direction of the work pieces.

14. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 12 further comprising providing the first air current in the form of an air cushion that traverses the sliding surface.

15-21. (Cancelled)

22. (New) A device for orienting work pieces being transported on a sliding surface, the device comprising:

a device configured to deliver a first air current to the sliding surface,

a first flow element configured to uniformly distribute the first air current over the sliding surface,

a second flow element configured to realize a flow profile,

the first flow element and second flow element each comprising a pair of co-acting perforated plates, and

a guiding element configured to direct the flow profile so that the first air current is inclined relative to a moving direction of the workpieces in such a way that a resulting air current resulting from the first air current and the movement of the work pieces extends perpendicular to the moving direction of the work pieces.

23. (New) The device of claim 22 wherein at least one of the pairs of co-acting perforated plates is adjustable.